(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The news item has been seen. The Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a plant based Ayurvedic medicine with the trade name "ASMON" for the treatment of Asthma.

Based on the research of CSIR, the Drug Licencing Authority, West Bengal has registered the drug as a Patent Proprietary Ayurvedic medicine. All the ingredients of ASMON are taken from the authentic books of Ayurveda listed in the first schedule of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the licence has been issued in consonance with the rules and procedures laid down for registering a Patent Proprietary Ayurvedic Medicine.

New scheme for poverty alleviation and employment

† *111. SHRI BRATIN SENGUTPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any new scheme for poverty alleviation and to increase employment opportunities;

(b) if so, whether a meeting of State Ministers of Urban Employment and Secretaries was called last year for this purpose; and

(c) if so, details of the subjects which were discussed in the said meeting and to what extent these have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, new scheme as such is under consideration since the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been introduced with effect from 1st December, 1997 only after subsuming different urban poverty alleviation schemes.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The meeting was called to review the overall performance under SJSRY.

(c) Issues, *inter-alia,* relating to the poor performance by States[7] UTs, non-receipt of utilisation certificates, non-receipt of quarterly progress reports and steps for utilising unspent balances available with them were discussed. Suggestions for reallocation of funds within different components of SJSRY, namely, Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP), Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) and Community Structure (CS), raising the educational qualification limit and also training cost under USEP, etc. were made. The issue of non-cooperation of the banks in sanctioning of loans also came up for discussion. Follow up action has already been initiated on the suggestions made in the meeting.

Dividend earned by PSUs

*112. SHRI BJ. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the Public Sector Undertakings which have earned dividend during last three years; and

(b) if so, the dividend thereof, year-wise and PSU-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) As per available information, 39 Central Public Sector Undertakings had earned dividend amounting to Rs. 2515 crores during the last three years ending as on 31.3.2000, till which period the information is available. The year-wise and PSU-wise information is given in the Statement.